

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments are requested when processing the response to the Notice to File Missing Requirements and prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.

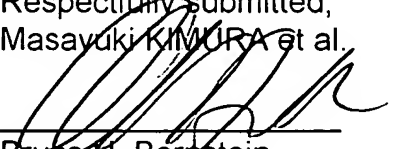
In the present amendment, the claims have been amended to be more in conformance with idiomatic English and standard U.S. practice. In particular, claims 13-24 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein; claims 1, 3, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 27, 29, 34 and 35 have been amended, and claims 36-38 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-12 and 25-38 are pending.

Moreover, the specification is amended herein to correct errors of a typographical or clerical manner, and to remove reference to the claims in the specification.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments herein should not be considered to be new matter as support can be found throughout the originally filed application.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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